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PETITION AGAINST COUNCIL CLEARS COUNCIL

On January 26, 1963, ninety-nine citizens of our town presented a petition to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, consisting of 14 complaints, basically that the Council is managing the affairs of the town in an irregular, improper and improvident manner. The Minister of Municipal Affairs thereupon appointed two men from his department, Mr. W. P. Isbister, Assistant Chief Municipal Inspector, and Mr. L. L. Gurel, Senior Municipal Inspector, to investigate this matter. Both inspectors completed their report on May 1st. The Report undoubtedly clears the St. Albert Council of improper management. The municipal inspectors ended their report with the following remarks: "The claim that the council has been improvident is in our opinion not entirely applicable since in the main the council was committed to the fiscal program established by the Board of Administrators, and there were certainly some significant weaknesses here. In our inspection, we could find no evidence that the council followed any deliberate policies of procedures that could be termed 'improper' and has, we believe, attempted to administer the affairs of the town in the proper manner."

Only 3 points out of the 14 complaints had any value. We regret that this petition was ever presented to the Minister because it has undoubtedly damaged the Town of St. Albert, spoiling the good will, confidence and respect of those who believed our town to be a solid unit with a majority of broad minded citizens. It will be a long time before we regain our good name in the eyes of our citizens the provincial government, and overall Canada. Petitioners often do not understand what harm can be done by presenting an unnecessary petition when those problems could have been solved by talking them over with each other.

A friend recently returned from Montreal, told us that many people knew St. Albert only by the fact that the Montreal newspapers mentioned it as the 'town with petitions and court cases'. Such news is very bad publicity for our town, so before we ever start another quarrel, let's talk it over as citizens from one and the same town!

The whole Municipal Inspector's Report proves that the petitioners had not studied the contents of this petition seriously. The Report gives the unpleasant feeling that the petition is riddled with untruths, half-truths, and that many of the complaints are closely connected with the former town administration. Reading the Inspector's Report again, we would like to give you a brief idea of some of the expressions in it regarding the petition complaints.

Committee Meetings of Council "Dealing with the three meetings cited in the petition, we believe that the Council has justification to convene as a committee, since the matters dealt with were for the time being, at least of a confidential nature."

That the Council has failed to establish an administrative system, etc "We don't believe it can be fairly stated that the Council has failed to establish an administrative system whereby the duties of the council can be carried satisfactorily and efficiently."

Transfer of money "The Council was in effect, following the budget and therefore it is our opinion that this complaint is not a valid one."

Resolution #1021 to authorize payments of monies, etc This complaint of the petitioners, in our opinion, is not a valid one."

That the Council failed to provide for the payment of school requisitions, etc

"In summing up this complaint, we do not believe the council can be blamed for a financial dilemma which has come about over the past years by inadequate 1962 budgetting and financing."

That the town as at December 27, 1962, was unable to meet its financial obligations to the amount of \$674,000. "In summary of this complaint, we believe that

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RETARDED CHILDREN

The Edmonton Association for Retarded Children will be holding their third annual house to house canvass on May 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. They will be selling Associate memberships for a minimum of \$1.00, to raise \$30,000. to help meet the financial obligations for the operation of the Winifred Stewart School for Retarded Children.

This is the only public appeal for funds of this kind. The Association for Retarded Children does not belong to the United Fund as they would not receive enough financial aid to carry on during these pioneer growing years. They cannot afford to belong to the United Fund. There are several children from St. Albert and surrounding district who attend this school. The school has a total of 205 children at present, with an IQ assessed at below 50.

It is interesting to note that in St. Albert we have a special class for slow learners in the Vital Grandin School. It serves all three of the school boards. Last year, 4 of the children, after spending 2 years in this class, were able to return to normal classrooms. Children are admitted anytime through the year. These classes are for children with an IQ of from 50 to 75, and in Grades 1 to 5 approximately.

CONCERT ST. ALBERT MUSIC SOCIETY

This Sunday, May 12, the final recital of the season will be held by the St. Albert Music Society. The concert, to take place in Vital Grandin School at 2:30 p.m. will feature Jerry Wenne, clarinetist, and Cameron Rose, bass-baritone.

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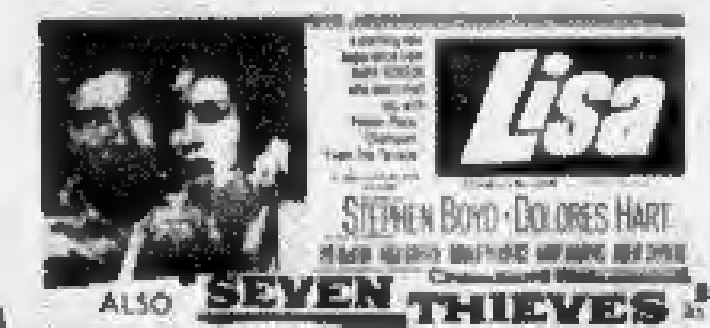


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Grandin Shoppers Park FIRST ANNIVERSARY

GRANDIN SHOPPERS PARK, THE ONLY PARK
IN THE CITY, WAS OPENED TO THE
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THE TOWN OF ST. ALBERT

NOTICE OF POLL

Bylaw No. 4/63

PUBLIC NOTICE, is hereby given that a Vote of the Proprietary Electors will be taken upon By-law No. 4/63, being a By-law to provide for the remuneration to the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of St. Albert, and that Polling will take place on Wednesday, the 15th Day of May, 1963, from ten o'clock in the forenoon until eight o'clock in the afternoon, at the following places:-

THE COMMUNITY HALL PIRON STREET

Polling Division No. 1 - Braeside, Mission Park and Downtown area.

Comprising an area East of Highway No. 2 to the Town limits and West of Highway No. 2 to the Town limits, bounded on the South by the centre of McKenney Avenue and thence North to the Town limits.

THE VITAL GRANDIN SCHOOL SUNSET BOULEVARD

Polling Division No. 2 - Sturgeon Heights Area.

Comprising an area East of the Centre of Highway No. 2 to the Town limits, bounded on the North by the centre of McKenney Avenue, thence South to the Town limits.

THE SIR GEORGE SIMPSON SCHOOL GROSVENOR BOULEVARD

Polling Division No. 3 - Grandin Park Area

Comprising an area West of the Centre of Highway No. 2 to the Town limits, bounded on the North by the centre of McKenney Avenue, thence South to the Town limits.

AND that I will, at the Town Hall on Wednesday, the 15th Day of May, 1963, at Nine o'clock in the afternoon, sum up the votes for and against the By-law and declare the result.

Given under my hand at St. Albert, this 30th Day of April, 1963

April 30th, 1963.

Returning Officer

GRANDIN SHOPPERS PARK 1ST ANNIVERSARY GREAT SUCCESS

The helicopter ride was one of the most popular parts of this celebration, and it is to be hoped that next year, the Grandin Shoppers Park businessmen will have them all day rather than just for 2 hours.

Ken Kilburn was the lucky winner of the Golden Hawk Bicycle, which was donated by the Grandin Shoppers Park Assn. Owen Finnegan won the seasons ticket to the football games, Mr. Guy Voyer won the slacks and Mrs. Gordon Schmitt the shoes all of which were donated by Jim Byrnes and Jack & Jill Stores.

The whole days program was well organized



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BOHEMIAN FAIR

Members of the Canadian Women's Press Club, Edmonton Branch, are busy preparing for their third annual Bohemian Fair, to be held Thursday, May 16, on the mall at Bonnie Doon Shopping Centre. This colorful 12-hour event features a sale of used books and records and a display and sale of paintings by local artists. In addition, there will be several booths for the display and sale of products created by handicraft groups. To add further interest, there will be a band of strolling musicians, The Bohemians, and John Yardley-Jones will be on hand to draw caricatures.

All proceeds from the Bohemian Fair are used to provide bursaries for University co-eds interested in journalism. Winner of the \$250. bursary for the current year was Beverley Woznow, Arts student at the U. of A., who plans to study journalism at an eastern university.

Press Club members hope to gather at least five thousand books and an assortment of records for the sale, and any persons wishing to contribute these items are asked to phone Mrs. R. P. Bishop, at GE 3-0045. They will be picked up by a J.W.P.C. member at the donor's convenience.

CLEAN UP WEEK

The week of May 13 to May 17 inclusive has been declared Clean - Up Week in St. Albert. We urge all residents to participate in the removal of accumulated weeds and trash from yards and extra garbage from homes. The Town will provide extra trucks to pick up all materials placed in the lane or at the street curb where no lanes exist. The extra pickup in your district will coincide with the regular garbage pickup; a maximum of 2 cubic yards will be taken from each registered property.

Arrangements for removal of large objects may be made by phoning the Town Engineer at 599-6601.

Burning Permits may be secured free of charge by phoning the Fire Department at the same number; pensioners and others requiring assistance should also phone that Department.

H. J. Bredin,
Town Engineer.

has been a tremendous asset to the Club as you well remember, from her excellent acting in each of the previous plays. And now may I introduce our talented Director, Eleanor Ray, whose important task it has been to mold each character into shape to produce a harmonious picture. Eleanor majored in Drama while obtaining her degree at the University of Alberta, and has taken a number of courses at Banff Summer School of Fine Arts, and Summer School of Theatre, at B.C. She has taught Recreational Commission Drama Courses, acted with Studio Theatre, Circle 8, and Theatre for Children in Edmonton, and is presently an Executive Member of Canadian Women's Theatre Guild of Edmonton. The Club's first production, "Ladies in Retirement" was an example of Eleanor's most capable direction.

"The Late Christopher Bean" is a delightful comedy that holds your interest every moment as it revolves around the lives of the Haggett family and their maid, Abby. The plot supplies rich humor along with the authentic atmosphere of a small town not far from Boston. An element of intrigue in connection with a number of paintings builds up to a surprising climax you are certain to enjoy.

So buy your tickets now and plan to be in the audience at curtain time — 8:30 p.m. — May 10 and 11, at Sir George Simpson School, for —

"THE LATE CHRISTOPHER BEAN"

HIGH SCHOOL AWARD NIGHT

For the 16th consecutive year, St. Albert High School presented its Drama and Award Night at the High School Auditorium on May 3.

Mr. William Soprovich, Principal, after welcoming the audience of over 250 persons, introduced the various numbers. Carol Oliphant, showing commendable skill opened the program with a piano select-

ion, the "Theme from Concerto No. 1" by Tchaikovsky.

This was followed by the delightful comedy "Wilbur's Wild Night". Those helping Wilbur solve the problems in the Maxwell household, included: Wayne Haiduck as Wilbur Maxwell, Pauline Bohning as Betty Lou Maxwell, Della Poitras as Connie Maxwell, Connie Rabour as Mrs. Janet Maxwell, Leo Van Os as John Maxwell, Rita Maloney as Miss Turk, Leon Ethier as Mr. Mallory and Martin Kennedy as Heap Chief Tail Feather.

Francoise Morin, as a pert little miss, gave the Monologue, "Please Mom!", to prove that children haven't changed. Four selections in part-singing by the students from the French classes were very tunefully rendered and brought well deserved applause.

Mr. Soprovich explained the qualifications necessary for winning the Letter Awards, which were then presented by Mr. T.J. Coffey. The students thus honoured were: Badminton — Ben Schroeder and Dan Barclay; Basketball — Connie Raboud, Doreen Anhel, Brian Kelly, Peter Lee; Cheerleaders — Lucille Houle, Carol Oliphant; Curling — Dennis Brothan, Dale Cassidy, Ron Gatten, Raymond Houle; Sports' Council — Ben Schroeder, Sandra McDonald, Sharon Krupa, Marilyn Hayes; Students' Council — Robert Cooke; Volleyball — Ellen Manuel; Yearbook — Anita Atcheson, Claudette Kalita, Yvonne Chimo.

The Proficiency Plaques awarded to students conspicuous in Academic achievement Student Union participation, Deportment and Social sense, Sportsmanship, and Extra-curricular activities, were won by the following: Grade X — Connie Raboud and Mavis Chevigny; Grade XI — Carol Oliphant; Grade XII — Ben Schroeder. For the first time in the history of the High School, a group of girls led off the Physical Education display in Tumbling, and showed unexpected ability. Not to be outdone, the Senior boys gave a performance that was outstanding, and they were rewarded by a tremendous ovation.

The softly blended voices of Veronica Finnegan, Lucille Houle and Rachelle Huot, carried the guests to the sunny South, as their "Come Back Liza" and "Jamaica Me Home", sung to the accompaniment of the guitar played by Veronica Finnegan, delighted all present. Continuing the melodic strains, Jeanne and Raymond Houle set all feet a-tapping as the piano and accordin combined in the lively dance rhythms of the well known "Quadrille Waltz" and the "Diane Waltz".

The mystery-comedy, "Scary Hollow", brought screams of horror and peals of laughter from the audience as they witnessed the Initiation of the school Sissy into the Adventure Club. The hair-raising experiences of the midnight vigil in the haunted house resulted in the solution of several neighborhood myths. Among those who earned dramatic reputations were: Lynda Curry as Mrs. Glubb; Wayne Haiduck as Jody Glubb, John Lansink as Rocky Hill, Leon Ethier as Cy Crawford, Laureen Prost as Babe Wilton, Rita Maloney as Norine Bentley, Danny Roberge as Rex Richardson, Tom Turner as Tommy Dawkins, Connie Raboud as Miss Drusilla Jenkins and Della Poitras as Roseola Joots.

Accompanists were Mrs. David Gervais and Carol Oliphant.

NORTHWESTERN UTILITIES ELECTS DIRECTORS

Mr. Bruce F. Willson, President of Northwestern Utilities Ltd., announced that John B. Whelihan, treasurer and employee for 40 years was elected a director of that company.

Mr. Whelihan, who was born in Lucan, Ont has the longest record of service of any employee of the gas company. He joined the company on June 18, 1923, as a junior clerk. By 1934 he was accountant and three years later he became secretary-treasurer. In 1945 he was appointed to his present position as treasurer, to which he was again re-appointed.

Other directors of the company were re-elected: H.R. Milner, Q.C., Howard Butcher III, J.C. Dale, G. Gaetz, F.T. Jenner, K.L. MacFadyen, J.L. McIntyre, O.C. McIntyre, R.C. McPherson, Dr. R.M. Parsons, A.G. Stewart, M.E. Stewart, B.F. Willson and D.K. Yorath.

Officers were re-appointed, as follows: Mr. Milner, honorary chairman; Mr. Yorath, chairman of the company; Mr. Willson president; Mr. MacFadyen, vice-president and comptroller; M.E. Stewart, vice-president and general manager; J.E. Maybin, vice-president, engineering and gas supply; J.A. Scott, vice-president, administration; C.L. Metcalfe, secretary; Mr. Whelihan, treasurer; J.E. Roberts, assistant secretary; and B.T. Banks, assistant treasurer.